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## News Accounts Blamed for Mistrial In Shimon Hotel 'Bugging' Case

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U.S. District Court Judge William B. Jones declared a mistrial yesterday in the Mayflower Hotel "bugging" case of retired Washington police inspector Joseph W. Shimon.

Judge Jones said newspaper, radio and television accounts of the sentencing of three private detectives for their part in the bugging of a lawyer's suite at the Mayflower tended to link the trio with Shimon and prejudiced his chance for a fair trial.

The jurors, he said, "were made so well aware of the fact that these four people were linked together . . . that the publicity could not help but have some effect on the jurors."

Shimon is charged with operating a bugging device on a wavelength reserved for airliners, a violation of the

Federal Communications Act.

He also is charged with conspiring to induce a grand jury witness to lie about ownership of the bug device.

The three detectives, John J. Frank, Oliver W. Angelone and John W. Leon, were convicted last April on three counts each of misdemeanor violations of the Federal Communications Act in connection with operating the

bug. They were sentenced last Friday to one year in jail and a \$500 fine each.

A witness in both trials placed Shimon with three detectives in a room containing FM receiving equipment, down the hall where the transmitter was hidden.

Defense Counsel C. William Taylor moved for a mistrial Monday.